

APPENDIX E

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January 10, 2005

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Subject: Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Richmond-to-Pittsburg Pipeline Divestiture
SCH#: 2001102139

Dear Billie C. Blanchard:

The State Clearinghouse submitted the above named Negative Declaration to selected state agencies for review. On the enclosed Document Details Report please note that the Clearinghouse has listed the state agencies that reviewed your document. The review period closed on January 7, 2005, and the comments from the responding agency (ies) is (are) enclosed. If this comment package is not in order, please notify the State Clearinghouse immediately. Please refer to the project's ten-digit State Clearinghouse number in future correspondence so that we may respond promptly.

Please note that Section 21104(c) of the California Public Resources Code states that:

"A responsible or other public agency shall only make substantive comments regarding those activities involved in a project which are within an area of expertise of the agency or which are required to be carried out or approved by the agency. Those comments shall be supported by specific documentation."

These comments are forwarded for use in preparing your final environmental document. Should you need more information or clarification of the enclosed comments, we recommend that you contact the commenting agency directly.

This letter acknowledges that you have complied with the State Clearinghouse review requirements for draft environmental documents, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. Please contact the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613 if you have any questions regarding the environmental review process.

Sincerely,

Terry Roberts
Director, State Clearinghouse

Enclosures
cc: Resources Agency

**Document Details Report
State Clearinghouse Data Base**

SCH# 2001102139
Project Title Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Richmond-to-Pittsburg Pipeline Divestiture
Lead Agency Public Utilities Commission

Type Neg Negative Declaration
Description PG&E is seeking authority, through submittal of a Section 851 Application to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), to sell its heated Richmond to Pittsburg Fuel Oil Pipeline to a new owner, the San Pablo Bay Pipeline Company (SPBPC), currently a subsidiary of ConocoPhillips Company. In a separate application common carrier pipeline corporation. The proposed sale would transfer ownership of PG&E's Hercules Pump Station (the "Pump Station") and its associated 44.2 acres of property.

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Project Location

County Contra Costa
City Richmond, Pittsburg, Hercules, Martinez
Region

Cross Streets

Parcel No.
Township

Range

Section

Base

Proximity to:

Highways I-80, I-580, I-680
Airports
Railways UPRR
Waterways San Francisco Bay and San Pablo Creek
Schools

Land Use The Pipeline is located primarily underground in Contra Costa County and primarily follows the San Francisco Bay Shoreline between the cities of Richmond and Pittsburg. The land uses traversed by the Pipeline are primarily characterized as urban; however, portions of the Pipeline cross open space/parklands.

Project Issues Aesthetic/Visual; Agricultural Land; Air Quality; Archaeologic-Historic; Cumulative Effects; Flood Plain/Flooding; Forest Land/Fire Hazard; Geologic/Seismic; Landuse; Minerals; Noise; Public Services; Schools/Universities; Septic System; Sewer Capacity; Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading; Solid Waste; Toxic/Hazardous; Traffic/Circulation; Vegetation; Water Quality; Water Supply; Wetland/Riparian; Wildlife

Reviewing Agencies Resources Agency; Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 2; Department of Parks and Recreation; Native American Heritage Commission; Department of Health Services; Office of Historic Preservation; Department of Forestry and Fire Protection; Department of Fish and Game, Region 3; Department of Water Resources; Caltrans, District 4; Department of Boating and Waterways; San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission; Air Resources Board, Major Industrial Projects; Department of Toxic Substances Control

Date Received 11/24/2004 **Start of Review** 11/24/2004 **End of Review** 01/07/2005

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To: Interested Parties
From: Billie Blanchard, Environmental Project Manager
Subject: NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION – Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Richmond-to-Pittsburg Pipeline Divestiture (CPUC Application Numbers A.00-05-035 and A.00-12-008)
Date: November 24, 2004

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E)'s Application (No. A.00-05-035) seeks authority, pursuant to Section 851 of the Public Utilities Code from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), to sell its heated Richmond-to-Pittsburg Fuel Oil Pipeline to a new owner, the San Pablo Bay Pipeline Company (SPBPC), currently a subsidiary of ConocoPhillips Corporation. In a separate application (No. A.00-12-008) (also analyzed as part of this project), SPBPC seeks authority from the CPUC under Sections 216 and 228 of the Public Utilities Code to own and operate the Pipeline as a common carrier pipeline corporation and to amend the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to restrict the products that could be transported in the Pipeline to crude oil, black oils, and refined petroleum products.

The proposed sale would transfer ownership of PG&E's Hercules Pump station and its 44.2 acres of property, located in the city of Hercules, and the Pipeline from its point of origin in Castro Street in the city of Richmond to the Mirant Pittsburg Power Plant in the city of Pittsburg. SPBPC would abandon the Pump Station and remove it from public utility service. Any demolition, remediation, and future uses of the Pump Station property will be subject to a separate environmental review by the City of Hercules.

The Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (Draft MND) for the project analyzes the potential impacts to the environment that would result from PG&E's sale of the Assets. The focus of the Draft MND analysis is on the potential environmental impacts associated with SPBPC's future operation and maintenance of the Pipeline and the construction of a 5,500-foot replacement pipeline segment to replace a missing 4,000-foot pipeline section along the Martinez, California shoreline.

The Draft MND for the project was released for public review on November 24, 2004. The Draft MND will be available for review at the repositories listed on the reverse side of this notice, and on the project website as listed at the bottom of this notice. Copies of the Draft MND may be requested by telephone at (415) 962-8446 or by e-mail at pgedivest@esassoc.com.

Written comments on the Draft MND must be postmarked or received by fax or e-mail no later than December 27, 2004. Please be sure to include your name, address, and telephone number. Written comments on the Draft MND should be sent to:

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